

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to further define the present invention. Specifically, Claim 42 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 42 and the claims dependent thereon are now in condition of the allowance.

Claims 42 - 47 and 49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by *Noppe, et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,491,098.

While Applicants respectfully disagree, in order to expedite prosecution, Claim 42 has been amended to now include the limitation of Claim 48. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this submission to the Nixon Peabody LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0850.

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